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## OLR Bill Analysis

### SB 806

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE MUNICIPAL PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill expands the allowable uses for municipal agricultural land preservation funds. Specifically, it allows a municipality to use the funds to acquire an agricultural land owner's rights to build any residence or farm structure on agricultural land. It also allows the municipality to accept these rights as a gift.

By law, a municipality may establish an "agricultural land preservation fund" for the purposes of (1) acquiring the development rights of agricultural land and (2) preserving agricultural land. "Development rights" are the agricultural land owner's rights to develop, construct on, sell, lease or improve the land for uses that make the land no longer agricultural. But it does not include the owner's rights to construct residences for people directly incidental to farm operation and other farm structures, among other things (CGS § 7-131q).

The bill also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 28      Nay 0      (03/18/2013)